

# *Private Patrol Operator*

## **Private Patrol Operator or Qualified Manager Requirements for Licensure**

**A** private patrol operator operates a business that protects persons or property or prevents theft. In order for a company to seek licensure as a private patrol operator, the qualified manager (see below) must have passed the licensing examination. In addition, **each** individual applicant, partner, or corporation officer must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 or older.
- Undergo a criminal history background check through the Department of Justice to be evaluated on an individual basis.
- Have committed no offense or violation of the Private Security Services Act that would be grounds for license suspension or revocation.

To apply for a company license, submit the \$500 company license fee, as well as two recent passport-quality photographs, two fingerprint cards, and a \$32 fingerprint processing fee **for each** applicant, partner, and officer to the Department of Consumer Affairs Licensing Division, P.O. Box 989002, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9002. (A qualified manager who is *also* an applicant, partner, or officer is not required to send in another set of fingerprints or pay another fingerprint processing fee.)

### **Insurance**

A private patrol operator who employs armed security guards must have \$1 million in insurance—\$500,000 for one loss due to bodily injury or death and \$500,000 for one loss due to injury or destruction of property.

### **Qualified Manager**

An individual, partnership, or corporation seeking a license as a *private patrol operator* must specify in the application the individual who will manage the business on a day-to-day basis. This individual is called the *qualified manager*. (An owner, partner, or corporate officer may serve as the qualified manager,

*To become licensed by the California Department of Consumer Affairs as a private patrol operator or qualified manager, you need to meet these requirements. Private patrol operators must have \$1 million in insurance.*

or may hire someone to fill this role.) To be eligible to apply for licensure as a ***qualified manager***, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 or older.
- Undergo a criminal history background check through the Department of Justice to be evaluated on an individual basis.
- Have committed no offense or violation of the Private Security Services Act that would be grounds for license suspension or revocation.
- Have one year's experience (2,000 hours) as a patrolperson, guard, or watchperson, or the equivalent.
- Pass a two-hour multiple-choice examination covering the Private Security Services Act and other rules and regulations, business knowledge, emergency procedures, security functions, and use of deadly weapons. The examination is administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs at least every other month in Northern and Southern California. It may be taken orally by prior arrangement. Examination dates are included with the application package. A copy of the Private Security Services Act will be sent with your examination notification.
- Submit a completed application with two recent passport quality photographs, two fingerprint cards, and \$232 (\$200 application and examination fee and \$32 Department of Justice fingerprint processing fee) to the Department of Consumer Affairs Licensing Division, P.O. Box 989002, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9002.

To request an application for licensure as a private patrol operator or qualified manager, call the Department of Consumer Affairs Licensing Division at 916-322-4000 or 1-800-952-5210.